The measures *inter-alia* include liberalisation of licensing procedures, a new CCS regime to compensate for the cascading effect of domestic taxation, allowing large houses to manufacture items reserved for the small scale sector provided 60 per cent of the production is exported and the units are located in a backward area; supply of some domestic raw materials at international prices easier access to imported raw materials and consumables; imports of capital equipment at 'Zero' or low rate of duties; reduction in rates of pre and post-shipment credit; more liberal debt, equity ratio for thrust industries; permission to exporters to utilise 5-10 per cent of their net foreign exchange earnings for identified export promotion activities etc. These measures are also applicable to the automobile components export sector.

Activities of Israeli Intelligence Agency in Sri Lanka

1048. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Israeli Intelligence Agency Mossad, known to be the most dreaded intelligence set-up in the world, has infiltrated into Sri Lanka and that Pakistan and Israel have for all practical purposes become allies to contain Government's efforts to find a solution to the Sri Lankan ethnic problem and that Government have conveyed its concern to Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reaction of the Sri Lankan Government thereto; and

(c) how do Government view the Mossad-activities and the Israel-Pak alliance in anti-Indian activities in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government has known about Israeli and Pakistani nationals advising the Government of Sri Lanka in its military operations against Tamils. The Government of Sri Lanka had explained this presence as stemming from their security requirements and also stressed their inherent right to seek military assistance from any source.

(c) With concern.

Application of Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Ordinance, 1987 in Punjab

1049. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have applied the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Ordinance, 1987 in Punjab;

(b) if so, how many persons have since been arrested under the Ordinance since its enforcement;

(c) whether all those arrested persons were brought before the courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation of Refugees of Assam Riots

1050. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam Government has declined to accept any responsibility of rehabilitating the refugees of Assam riots now sheltered at Alipurduar; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and

(b) According to the State Govt. of Assam, all the genuine persons have come back and no more list of such evacuees is pending with them. However, according to the State Govt. of West Bengal, about 2261 persons out of these who came to West Bengal from Assam in the wake of 1983 disturbances are still to be repatriated and the particulars of these remaining evacuees have been furnished to the Assam Government.

It has been suggested that a joint team consisting of senior officers of both the State Governments may be constituted to go into this matter in order to arrange expeditious repatriation of remaining evacuees to Assam and their re-settlement at their original place.

Production of Viscose Staple Fibre

1051. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether M|s. Modi had applied for licence to produce Viscose Stample Fibre (VSF) with foreign partnership;

(b) if so, whether the Company has invited tenders from any foreign company;

(c) whether M|s. Modi Mills had also floated global tenders for the import of a plant;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Project Approval Board (PAB) has taken note of this; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) M|s. Modi Spinning and Weaving Mills Co. Ltd. were issued a Letter of Intent—LI 418(83) dated 18-6-1983, for setting up a new undertaking with annual capacity of 30,000 tonnes for manufacture of polynosic|HWM fibres. In April 1985, M|s. Modi Fibres Ltd. filed a composite application for enhancement of capacity, for technical and financial collaboration and for import of capital goods. Government have not taken a final decision regarding this composite application.

(b) to (f) The details of pending proposals are not divulged till the Government have taken final decisions thereon.

Provident Fund Arrears of Textile Mills

1052. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several textile mills, both sick and running are in arrears of their provident fund contribution to Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof particularly relating to the textile mills in Bombay;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently on June 28, a textile Magnate was arrested by Bombay Police for not paying provident fund amount in respect of several hundred textile workers; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information a sum of Rs. 26.25 crores was outstanding from defaulting textile mills covered under the provisions of the Employees Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952 in the unexempted Sector as on 31-12-1986. Out of this amount a sum of Rs. 3.95 crores was due from the defaulting textile mills in Maharashtra Region alone.

(c) and (d) Shri Madhusudan Karnani, Director of M|s. Bradbury Mills Ltd., Bombay was arrested on complaints filed